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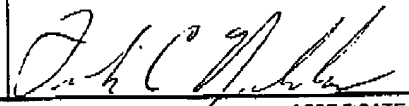
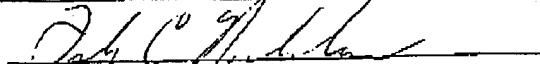
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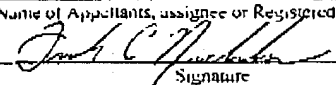
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 26, 2004

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In response to a First Non-Final Office Action dated April 26, 2004, the Applicant
responds as follows:

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The present response replies to a First Office Action dated April 26, 2004. Claims 1 -20 are currently pending in the present application. Examiner Pannala rejected claims 1-20.

In the First Office Action, Examiner Pannala asserted the following actions to pending claims 1-20:

- A. Claims 1-2, 6-7, 9-12, 16-17, and 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Brien et al. (USPN 6,351,776) and in view of Millard (USPN 6,122,738)
- B. Claims 3-5, 8, 13-15, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Brien et al. (USPN 6,351,776) in view of Millard (USPN 6,122,738) and further in view of Cane et al. (USPN 6,101,507)

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the present application under 37 CFR § 1.112.